Opening a Branch of Cotton Textiles Promotion Council at Hyderabad

1938. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a branch of the Cotton Textile Promotion Council at Hyderabad to facilitate the export of garments from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai has opened its branch office at Hyderabad in January, 2001, to facilitate the exports of cotton textiles from Andhra Pradesh.

Production of raw Jute

1939. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to State:

(a) the approximate quantum of raw jute produced in different jute growing States annually;

(b) whether the raw jute produced in the country are not adequate to cater to the need of the jute mills in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government is importing raw jute; and

(d) if so, the details of total quantum of raw jute imported by Jute Corporation of India (JCI) during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) A statement indicating approximate quantum of raw jute produced in different jute growing States is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Raw Jute produced in India is normally sufficient to cater to the need of the jute mills in the country. However, imported raw jute is used largely to meet the demand for export of jute goods.